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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Hideyuki Okano et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1633 |
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| Application No.: 10/571,277 |) | Examiner: Maria G. Leavitt |
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| Filed: March 9, 2006 |) | |
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| For: METHODS FOR ENHANCING |) | Confirmation No.: 6053 |
| SURVIVAL AND/OR PROLIFERATION |) | |
| OF NEURAL STEM CELLS AND |) | |
| NEURITE EXTENSION, ENHANCERS |) | |
| THEREFOR, PHARMACEUTICAL |) | |
| COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING |) | |
| NEURAL STEM CELLS, ASSAY |) | |
| METHODS, AND SCREENING |) | |
| METHODS |) | |

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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, the period for response having been extended to October 14, 2008, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper beginning at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.